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**Significance:** This mess hall was the common eating facility for personnel stationed at Nike Missile Base C-84. The building was built in 1956 from standardized drawings approved by the Corps of Engineers, most of which were designed by the firm of Leon Chatelian, Jr., of Washington, D.C. Nike buildings were considered modified emergency buildings. Originally, they were to be pre-fabricated structures, but were rather unsightly and did not contribute to troop morale and, therefore, were changed to modified emergency design.

**Description:** The mess hall is a masonry structure. The building was constructed from standardized plans, and has concrete footings, foundation, and floor, cinder block walls and a built-up roof. Engineering drawings indicate that most of the kitchens at Nike installations had tile floors, sealed walls and ceiling, a stainless steel serving bar, a stainless steel dishwasher, a stainless steel sink, and restroom facilities. The dining area had panelled walls and a tiled floor. There was a dry storage area, a toilet, and a boiler room which had a separate entrance from the outside. There were two vestibules, one double-door entry way into the dining room, and one door which leads into the kitchen. There are eight double windows, five single windows, and a chimney, which has fallen onto the nearby basketball court.

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